

## Monday, September 8, 2008

- 3:00 – 5:30 PM Conference Registration, Vendor/Exhibitor Set-up
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Networking Reception (Radisson Hotel)
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM Welcoming Reception/Dinner (Radisson Hotel)
- Kick-off Session
  - Overview of agenda

## Tuesday, September 9, 2008

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast (Hotel Guests only)
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Welcoming session and setting the stage  
*Tom Woll (FRA), Tim Davis (DPU)*
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM State Crossing Program Updates (from attending states)
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM **BREAK**
- 9:45 – 10:30 AM Grade Crossing Design in Practice  
*Larry Warren (FRA), Al Goff (URS), Rick Campbell (Rio Grande)*
- Four-quadrant system
  - Design Criteria
  - Case studies
  - Traffic Preemption
- 10:30 – 11:30 PM MUTCD - Part 8  
*Rick Campbell (Rio Grande), Dave Peterson (Union Pacific)*
- new updates
  - proposed changes
  - mandatory Stop & Yield signage
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM **LUNCH** (Provided)  
- *Sponsored by Transpo Industries*
- 12:30 – 1:15 PM Section 130 Funding  
*Guy Rezendes (MassHighway), Nicole Brewin (RSI)*
- how railroads apply
  - process for state disbursement
- 1:15 – 2:00 PM Quiet Zones  
*Michail Grizkewitsch (FRA)*
- The Train Horn Rule
  - Developing Quiet Zones
  - Case Studies
  - Railroad's perspective
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM **BREAK**
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Crossing Closures  
*Beth Crawford (FRA), Bernie Cartier (P&W Railroad)*
- How to network with Federal and State Agencies
  - How to deal with community concerns and provide effective outreach
  - Railroad initiatives and suggestive guidelines

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| 3:00 – 3:45 PM | <p>Video Enforcement at Grade Crossings<br/> <i>Mark Etzbach (Redflex Traffic Systems)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analyzing the benefits over costs</li> <li>• successful experiences</li> </ul> |
| 3:45 – 4:30 PM | <p>Private Crossings<br/> <i>Ron Ries (FRA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRA update</li> <li>• Authority for State DOT oversight</li> <li>• Minimum signage requirement</li> </ul>                 |
| 6:00 – 8:00 PM | <p>Dinner Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no charge for conference attendees</li> <li>• transportation provided</li> </ul>  |

### **Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

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| 7:00 – 8:00 AM   | Breakfast (Hotel Guests only)   |
| 8:00 – 8:30 AM   | <p>Innovative Safety Solutions for Crossings<br/> <i>Anya Carroll (Volpe)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from Volpe Center</li> <li>• Median Separation</li> </ul>  |
| 8:30 – 9:15 AM   | <p>Pedestrian Crossing Safety<br/> <i>Marcus Brewer (TTI), Brian Gilleran (FRA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warning Devices at Pedestrian Crossings</li> <li>• Improved Safety at Pedestrian Crossings</li> </ul>                                |
| 9:15 – 10:00 AM  | <p>Web-based Grade Crossing Data Inventory for State DOT's<br/> <i>Frank B. Ramond, P.E. (PennDOT)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software program to update FRA database</li> <li>• Challenges and benefits for State DOT's to maintain</li> </ul> |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 10:15 – 11:00 AM | <p>National Inventory Updates<br/> <i>Tom Woll (FRA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State DOT's and the Railroads working together</li> <li>• Revamped grade crossing inventory form</li> </ul>   |
| 11:00 – 12 noon  | <p>Wrap up, General Discussion<br/> <i>Bill Browder (AAR), Tim Davis (DPU)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up questions</li> <li>• Conference Closing Remarks</li> <li>• Future 2009 host location</li> </ul>                                 |